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TAGS: ECRP, PFOR, MASS, MA, UR

SUBJECT: CERP 0002: MADAGASCAR PURCHASES SECOND
SOVIET HELICOPTER

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1. AT RECEPTION FEB. 9, SOVIET AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRE
ALEXEIEV CONFIRMED TO ECONOFF THAT WHILE FIRST MI-8
(DELIVERED IN 1976) HAD BEEN A GIFT, SECOND HAD BEEN
SOLD TO GDRM ON CREDIT. (AS REPORTED REF B, PRESIDENT
RATSIRAKA ANNOUNCED JAN. 26 THAT GDRM MILITARY WOULD
ACQUIRE SECOND HELICOPTER TO COMBAT CATTLE RUSTLING.)
ALEXEIEV VOLUNTEERED THAT CONTRACT HAD JUST BEEN
SIGNED. CONTRACT CALLS FOR DELIVERY IN MAY 1977,
WITH TEN YEARS CREDIT AT 3 OR 4 PERCENT INTEREST. HE
WAS UNSURE OF PRICE, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS SLIGHTLY OVER
ONE MILLION RUBLES.

2. FROM CHARGE'S DISCUSSION EARLIER THIS WEEK
WITH PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET, SOLOFOSON,
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IT APPEARS THAT GDRM HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO APPLY
PRESSURE ON SOVIETS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HELICOPTER
AS GIFT. APPARENTLY, GDRM FAILED. WE ALSO KNOW,
FROM EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR GDRM MILITARY,
THAT ORIGINAL PLAN WAS FOR DELIVERY OF THREE
MI-8S, ONE AS GIFT AND TWO BY PURCHASE, AND
THAT GDRM MILITARY FELT THAT PRICE OF TWO WAS SO

HIGH THAT IT WOULD IN EFFECT COVER THE COST OF
THE GIFT AS WELL.SHEINBAUM

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